

# Howells' List

## Barristers

### Barrister Profile

#### Samantha Renwick

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### QUALIFICATIONS

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### BAR PRACTICE

Samantha practises in succession law, family law, child protection and criminal law. Samantha is also an Accredited Mediator and is trained in Collaborative Practice.

In addition to her practice, Samantha is a Teaching Associate at Monash University Law School, where she teaches legal reasoning and statutory interpretation in the Juris Doctor postgraduate law degree.

Prior to coming to the Bar, Samantha received an Australian Postgraduate Award scholarship to complete a Doctoral thesis, examining the concept of

family violence as a defence to homicide, in particular the admissibility of evidence of family violence under section 9AH and 322J of the *Crimes Act 1958* (Vic). She was also a researcher with the *Improving Legal Responses to Domestic Homicides: A Study of Homicides in Victoria 2005-2014* project and the *Victorian Feminist Judgments Project*.

Samantha's Masters thesis analysed the entire body of family provision precedent heard under Part IV of the *Administration and Probate Act 1958* (Vic), with the aim of identifying consistent trends in decisions. Her published research was cited by the Victorian Law Reform Commission in the Final Report of the Inquiry into Succession Law.

Selected publications are available on the [Social Science Research Network](#).

Samantha is reading with Ms Elizabeth M Brimer and her senior mentor is Ms Samantha L Marks QC.

### **Appearance Experience:**

#### VCAT (Guardianship List)

- Applications for Guardianship and Administration Orders
- Rehearings

#### Children's Court of Victoria – Care and Protection:

- Conciliation Conferences
- Mention Hearings

#### Criminal Law:

- Intervention Orders (applicants and respondents)
- Infringements
- Summary Crime, including Indictable Offences Heard Summarily
- Pleas

#### Family Law:

- Applications for Parenting Orders
- International Child Abduction, including from Non-Hague Convention Countries

## **Drafting Experience:**

- Settling Affidavits
- Settling Pleadings

## **Pro Bono Work:**

- Regularly accepts briefs from Justice Connect through the Victorian Bar Pro Bono Scheme
- Regularly participates in the Victorian Bar Duty Barristers' Scheme
- Member of Julian Burnside's Myki Flying Squad
- Member of the Barristers' Animal Welfare Panel

## **Memberships:**

- Children's Court Bar Association
- Commercial Bar Association
- Criminal Bar Association
- Family Law Bar Association
- Women Barristers Association

## **Victorian Bar Committee memberships**

- Student Engagement Committee

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